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kuloa point. The pilot, having been summoned by telephone from La-

haina, met the steamer at the bay, and soon boarded the Besse, which had been temporarily left at Lahaina.

The bark and its convoy arrived in Kahului Thursday at 9 o'clock a. m.

The three injured men were landed at Maalea and taken to Wailuku Hospital.

The Claudine did not get away for Hana till early Friday morning.

The master of the Alden Besse is Captain Charles Potter, well known to Maui people.

STRAY SCRIBBLINGS.

During last evening, the 27th inst., the old Wailuku saloon building, opposite the depot, was burned to the ground. Some natives living near by discovered the fire about 9 o'clock p. m., but as it originated from the inside and had gained great headway, nothing could be done to prevent total destruction. Not only were the building and outhouses completely consumed, but the front platform of the Kahului Railroad Co.'s station was burned, and it was only by great efforts that the depot itself was saved. The destroyed building was a large two and one-half story wooden structure belonging to Mrs. Batchelor. It was formerly used as a saloon, but recently it has been undergoing repairs, preparatory to be opened as a hotel. Painters had been at work, and the owner is in Honolulu, so rumor says, purchasing effects to fit up the house. The cause of the casualty can only be conjectured. It is stated that the property was insured. H. H. Plummer, several of the Catholic brothers and some natives saved the depot from destruction.

This was the second Wailuku fire during the week. On Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., a small Chinese shanty opposite Henry Roberts' butcher shop on Market street, was destroyed. Through the efforts of citizens the adjoining buildings in this thickly-settled part of the village were saved.

On Monday, the 23d inst., two Chinamen, Loi Sin and Ah Koni were committed for burglary at the Wailuku police court by Justice Daniels. The story of their crime and arrest is as follows: During the night of the 10th inst. the Spreckelsville plantation store was entered through a window and about \$40 worth of dry goods, watch chains, shoes etc., were spirited away. Thursday, the 19th inst., Deputy Sheriff Hocking was informed that the aforesaid Celestials had been seen bearing mysterious bundles into a certain Haiku gulch. Upon searching the house of Aiona, a

Chinese vegetable gardener residing in the ravine, about half of the stolen property was recovered, and when Loi Sin and Ah Koni were apprehended one was wearing a stolen undershirt and the other was sporting a pair of Spreckelsville store pumps. There is a third Oriental concerned in the felony still at large. The charge of receiving stolen property against Aiona failed when he was brought to trial. Some clothing belonging to T. Emmesley of Huelo was also found in the gardener's shanty.

A little farewell party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Jr., last Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., by Mrs. G. E. Simpson of Paia.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson take the Australia today en route for Oglethorpe, their future home. Miss Mary Alexander of Haiku is also a passenger by the same steamer. Bon voyage.

Last Wednesday evening, the 25th, a farewell reception in the guise of a surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. H. Laws at the Paia residence of Mr. J. W. Colville. A large gathering of Makawao people filled the parlors and bid farewell to the lady and gentleman who are soon to become residents of Honolulu. After a short programme of entertainment, Mr. H. P. Baldwin made a little speech eulogizing Mr. Laws' eight years of faithful service at Paia plantation. Mr. Laws responded, thanking his friends and neighbors for their great kindness in the past. Dr. Beckwith also made some appropriate remarks.

PERSONAL MENTION.

D. C. Lindsay is now bookkeeper and Pearl Alken timekeeper of Paia plantation.

P. Knabe visited Haleakala last week and saw snow on Hawaii's mountains.

The Dickey family went to Olinda this week.

N. Omsted is the new tax-collector of Hana district.

Dr. Allen of Hana intends spending two weeks in Wailuku at the hospital.

W. O. Aiken has resigned his position as a Surveyor of Kahului and resumes the bookkeeping at Haleakala ranch.

Arguments of the Wailuku Water case will be heard in Honolulu.

It is reported that the trail or horse road to Haleakala has been washed away by recent rains.

For some reason the usual blackberry crop at Olinda has failed.

The army worm is devastating the pastures of Makawao district.

The annual meeting of the Maui Racing Association takes place at Wailuku Court House Saturday evening, May 5th, at 7:30 p. m.

It is remarked that there is something strange about Maui fires. They seem to be fatal to Kahului railroad property, viz: The warehouse at Kahului was burned; the storehouse at Paia was set afire; and now the station at Wailuku was barely saved.

Query: If that Wailuku depot had been destroyed, would the railroad company have been held responsible for the freight stored there?

Weather: Continual light showers from the sea and mountains; cold nights.

Hilo, April 26th.—The Central Union Club held its weekly meeting in the Hilo Court House hall Saturday evening the 21st inst. After the regular business was transacted Marshal Hitchcock addressed the club upon the fertile and interesting subject of politics, which was intermingled with some good sound advice which was favorably received and well thought of.

It is said that at the last moment D. H. Hitchcock's name was sent down to Honolulu as a constitutional delegate nominee. It is unfortunate that Hilo has two men in the field as both are eminently qualified to sit in the convention and will probably do so at the expense of one of the candidates from the other districts.

A Portuguese child of three summers had a narrow escape from drowning in six inches of water last Friday. The little urchin was playing